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I would like to testify that I just returned from the greatest Assembly of my time. My first Assembly was in the year 1914. From that time up to 1950, I only missed being there two or three times.

This last gathering was saturated with the love and power of God.

I attended the Illinois Camp Meeting this year and when it was over, I just felt I had been to heaven. I have felt the same since coming home. I am eighty-seven years old, feeling fine; at times I feel like a young man.

I am looking forward to the next Assembly somewhere, here or in the great beyond.

—P. F. Fritz

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Anyone having friends or relatives living in or around the metropolitan area of Milwaukee, please notify me immediately. Also please tell us whether or not they are members of the Church of God. We would like to contact them.

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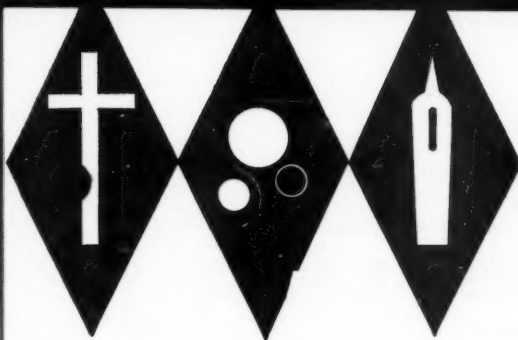
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WHAT IS A SHADOW?

WE ARE TOLD by the Bible that sick persons were healed when the shadow of Simon Peter passed over them (Acts 5:15, 16). Now this requires some consideration. What virtue is there in a shadow that it should heal? A shadow is nothing at all except the absence of sunlight. It consists only where something else is not. Paradoxically, its existence depends upon what it is not; it is created only by the interruption of light.

Yet we know that the shadow of Peter, when it passed over the afflicted, caused healing. In reality, the sick were healed when Peter walked between them and the sun.

For the answer we need not look to the shadow; it was nothing. We must look first to Peter and the influence he had among those who knew him. That is the answer—*influence*.

So great was the confidence of the people in this

great man that they were healed even when he blocked the sunshine from beaming upon them. That is one of the greatest examples of faith and confidence I have ever known.

Yet this confidence extends beyond the person of Peter to the Christ whom he served. The shadow, even though it was nothing in itself, fixed the faith of the sick ones upon Christ. That faith operated by means of their confidence in Peter.

The same combination of faith in Christ and confidence in His servants will bring the same results today. Christ is the same. The need then is for men whose lives demand the confidence of the people, and for people who are willing to give it. The shadow was nothing. What mattered was the man who cast it; he was in touch with God on one side and the people on the other.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

WHEN THE Preacher said, in Ecclesiastes 1:9, that there is nothing new under the sun, he gave rise to much discussion and debate. Is there actually nothing new in the world today?

At first thought we might answer "Of course there is much that is new! Never before has the world been blessed with things such as . . ."

But, think a minute! The preacher did not say that there were no new arrangements and compositions of old things, so that they appear to be new. He undoubtedly had reference to basic things. The atomic bomb might be termed new, but it is merely the harnessing and arrangement of elements and materials that have been here since the world began. Space satellites are made and run by materials that have always been in the earth; only the putting together of these materials seems to have made a new thing. There is not a tune or melody on earth, whether symphonic or swingtime, but that is only a different arrangement of the same tones.

Every new word is but a different arrangement of the same old letters that we have always known. For example, take the letters A, S, T, R. If four children were given blocks with these letters on them, they might very well use the same blocks to make dif-

ferent words and different senses. One child might form the word STAR, which suggests astronomy and the glories of God's heaven; a word to sweep the imagination into a inspiring and provocative vision. A second child might use the same letters to form RATS, which fills the mind with loathsomeness, and suggests filth and ravening. A third might put together ARTS, and flood scenes of great paintings, majestic museums and classical literature and sculpture before the mind's vision. And then the fourth child might easily make of his blocks the word TARS, suggestive of labor and toil on the seas, on the highways or in laboratories. The words aren't new or spectacular—they are merely different arrangements of the same four letters.

So it is with life. What you make of your life will not be anything out of the ordinary, but it will be only your arrangement of days and hours and minutes and opportunities and handicaps. If you will, you can take the remaining days of 1960 and form them into some glorious task; or you can form them into the body of sloth and negligence.

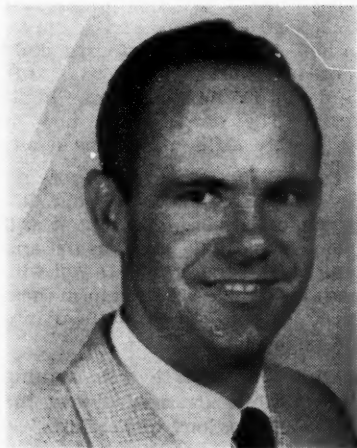
Don't look for something new, for there is nothing new, only new and worth-while arrangements of the same ancient materials, inspirations and efforts.



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"THAT'S HOW I KNOW"

By Charles L. Wright, Jr.



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One Sunday morning the bell sounded its last warning before the fateful Monday that was to follow. The sound was no different from previous times. It went unheeded. The service went by as usual and again that evening the Christians met to share their joys and woes.

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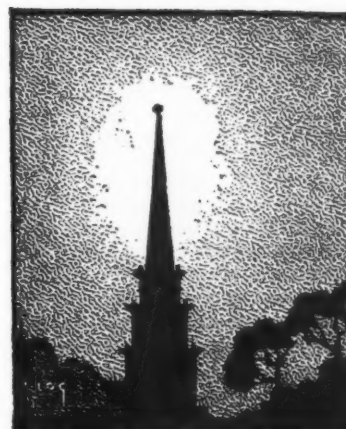
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Often we are victims of our own choosing. We are the sowers—and the reapers. Our attitudes, negative thoughts, and actions keep us from the blessings of Christ. It might be a rebellious heart, a stubborn will, or having rejected the Saviour too many times.

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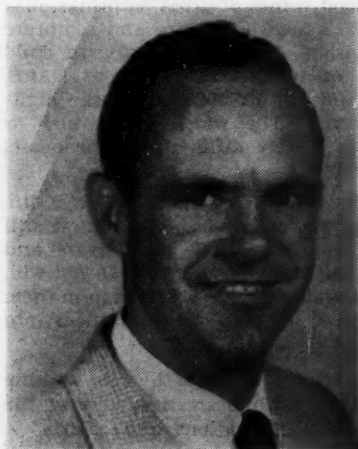
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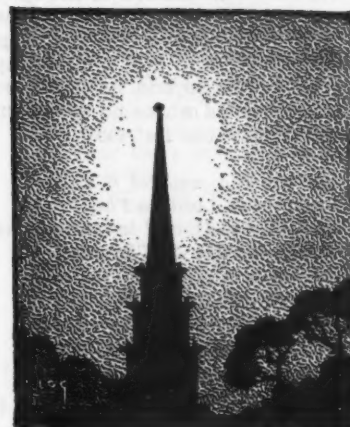
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bell, under the shadow of the spire, next door to the Christian home. They have been there and slept away their time and opportunity. Now they are beyond. Soon we, too, will go beyond where no opportunities to save the lost exist.

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.*

Even now the world largely is outside of Christ. The multitudes are taken away having never heard the voice of a missionary or the reading of the Scripture. They know not the blessings of giving, of visiting, of serving. They have never heard the blending voices of the sanctuary choir. They are as leaves withering on a dead tree or as dew drops in the morning sun. They are swallowed up as the dead forest by the fire and the tributaries by the great river. They are beyond!

They are all under sin. The wrath of God is revealed against them. Those things that are necessary to know there is a God are manifest in them, because God has revealed it unto them through the things that He made. He has shown them His power and divinity, leaving them without excuse.

They have changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and all kinds of beasts and creeping things. They worship and serve the creature in preference to the Creator. They did not choose their place of birth, they were born beyond the bells.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15).

*Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages for Thee;
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my love, my God, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

I HAVE BEFORE me a picture of the world's largest carillon which houses fifty-six bells. This great carillon is at Sewanee, Tennessee. Sewanee is located atop one of the higher mountains of East Tennessee. Its population is but a few hundred. However lofty its towers, the sound of the bells has never been heard in the great cities of Chattanooga, Nashville, and Knoxville.

This is neither to boast of numbers nor scorn the day of small things. But if that One, who dusted His sandals on Galilee's banks and visited Legion's Gadarenes, came walking our way, could we not imagine hearing Him say, "Hear ye the parable of the bells." Whether slapping bees or flying bombers, the battle is of the giants. The danger is the decoy: such as whales chasing sardines; or battleships fighting canoes; or rabbits fussing with tar babies.



It is no great sin for one to be concerned with the immediate and the near, but Doctor Oswald Smith hit the matter squarely in the face when he said, "If God is interested in numbers, then He is more interested in Russia than He is in the United States . . . in India than He is in Russia. . . ."

Some argue that God is neither interested in numbers nor in big churches. Was God interested in the 50,000 people who lost their lives in India last year by snakes and man-eating tigers? And will He be interested in the 50,000 who will lose theirs this year and the next and the next? Are the snakes and tigers reaching more than we? Ask yourself, "Is God interested in numbers?" Is God satisfied with people or churches that go year after year without adding ONE SOUL?

What did the Lord tell the near-sighted servants who went into the streets and lanes of the cities and still could not fill His house? He sent them out again into the highways and hedges to compel them to come and enjoy His blessings.

Clanism, groupism, and favoritism could not and cannot reach the masses for Christ. God divorced us from such evils through the cross and made us to sit TOGETHER in the heavenlies. "It is not in our stars . . . but in ourselves that we are underlings." Prejudice and traditions have moved people far beyond the call of the bells. Pray God He will send someone to save us from ourselves that we might save others.

Christians should go into all parts of the world—not on a business adventure, but with the message that will save souls. The greatest of all motives is LOVE! We are nothing without it! Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our neighbors are in India, Africa, and the jungles of Malaya. Nothing but the power of the gospel will save them. There will never be power in the gospel until they hear the gospel. They will never hear until someone goes to them; they are far, far beyond the bells.

"Help thy brother's boat across, and lo, thine own has reached the shore" (Indian Proverb).

The Memory Lingers On

By William H. Pratt

THE LAST AMEN is said. The people are gone. The tabernacle is empty, yet the Spirit remains. The memory lingers. The long list of visitors, great and small, have folded their tents and slipped away, but we Georgians are better because they stopped at our camp meeting.

Among the distinguished guests were: Assistant General Overseer, Earl P. Paulk, Sr., representing our General Offices; Brothers A. M. Phillips, General Secretary-Treasurer; C. R. Spain, Missions Representative; Cecil Bridges, Superintendent of Orphanage; O. W. Polen, National Sunday School and Youth Director; Lewis J. Willis, Editor of *The Lighted Pathway* and Chairman of Lee College Board of Directors; Floyd Timmerman, Overseer of Michigan; Pastor T. L. Forester, Flint, Michigan; Pastor L. F. Pratt, Lakeland, Florida; Evangelist T. L. Lowery, Cleveland, Tennessee.

The preaching at our camp, according to comments, was outstanding. Brother Proctor, pastor of Bremen Church of God, and Brother Blazier, Georgia evangelist, blessed our hearts. Brother Nash, Pentecostal Holiness minister, delivered a unique and inspiring message that all seemed to enjoy. Many were encouraged as we listened to Brother Floyd Timmerman, Overseer of Michigan, preach to us out of his heart. Thank God for Pentecostal preachers, men who will preach the whole Bible unafraid.

We will not soon forget the inspired Bible teaching-preaching of Brother George Britt. Morning after morning many gathered to have this anointed one teach us from God's Eternal Truth. The Spirit of the Lord was present to bless.

Our Assistant General Overseer, Earl P. Paulk, Sr., lashed the Ro-

man Catholic Presidential nominee and advised us to beware of Catholicism. Oh, may God deliver us from the oppressor!

The highlight of special services was the Missions hour. All of us were moved with tears of love and compassion. While Brother C. R. Spain, Missions Field Representative, us about the blind African native worker, who travels a thirty-mile preaching circuit, the Holy Ghost melted our hearts. As a result our people gave willingly to the cause of missions. The floor offering and state and district missions amounted to \$63,236.61 plus approximately \$2,000 pledges for state convention offering. This exceeds last year by \$11,402.08, and breaks all records in Georgia missions giving. Praise the Lord!

Our State Sunday School and Youth Director, Brother Wallace Swilley, certainly should be commended for his well-arranged program for Youth Day. One prominent Georgia pastor said he thought Youth Day was the best day of the camp meeting. Brothers Polen and Willis were present and at their best.

Worthy of mention is the L.W.-

W.B. service. The ladies presented a timely play that touched the congregation. According to many though, Brother Frank Spivey "stole the show"; his church in Brunswick received top honors for having raised \$9,647.04. The Lord bless Sister Johnson and all the ladies for their great contribution to the church.

Since the first night fell on the fourth of July, we looked for a big crowd. The tabernacle was filled. Brother Paul L. Walker, our camp evangelist, delivered his first message under a mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. Thus we were off to a good start as praises of the Lord rang over the congregation, and souls came forward to seek God.

The next two nights were slow. For some reason we missed the Lord; we didn't yield as we ought. But then came Thursday night and a cloudburst from heaven. If you were there, you will remember that night, for twenty-five or more were filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the good Lord!

Of all the nights my personal preference was Friday. This was the night that Brother Walker got hold of the pulpit; this was the night that God got hold of Brother Walker. Yes, this was the night that Brother Walker jumped the theological traces. Without fear he preached our old landmarks—holiness and Pentecost. Thank God for young men like Brother Paul L. Walker. If our brother stays humble, I can see for him a great future with the Lord and the church.

How many souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost? The true figure will be revealed when the Books are opened, but we know there were many. In addition the thousands who came to the Georgia Camp Meeting were richer, stronger Christians for having come.

Much credit is due our beloved state overseer, W. E. Johnson, for the success of the camp. He undoubtedly prayed more for this meeting than any of us, and we know that he was present to direct the services with obedience to God.

We will miss W. E. Johnson after the General Assembly. He is loved throughout the state. Where will he work for the Lord next year? God has a place for a man with his vast experience. Let's pray together that God's will be done!

Brothers Swilley and Busby and all the committees worked hard and willingly for our camp meeting, and God certainly will bless each for individual contribution.

Yes, the last amen is said. The people are gone. The tabernacle is empty. Yet the Spirit remains. The memory lingers.



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Laborers Together

By D. G. Homner
Overseer, New Mexico

THE MINISTRY of the Church of God can be summed up in this Scripture found in 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God." Whether or not we are working in the North, South, East, West, or out of the continental United States, we are laborers together with God in His vineyard—the world.

The word "together" implies unity or a united effort with God for the salvation of the lost. Since the work of the Church of God is an united effort regardless of where we work for Him, I am happy, together with the other State Overseers, to share with you through the medium of the *Church of God Evangel* some information which, otherwise, might not be made available to our readers.

New Mexico covers an area of 121,666 square miles, and has a population of less than one million. Unlike some sections of the United States, the towns and cities of New Mexico are separated by perhaps seventy-five to one hundred miles

of desert and plains. This accounts for the sparse population in our state, although the population has more than doubled in the last ten years.

It is over this thinly populated area that the Church of God now has twenty organized churches. This is a gain over the previous assembly year. The new churches organized are located in Carlsbad and Bayard.

Although we had one strong church in operation in Carlsbad, it was my happy privilege on December 31, 1958, to receive into our fellowship the Full Gospel Church of God together with its pastor and founder, the Reverend H. M. Drake. Their church property, valued at \$35,000 and debt free, included four nice lots together with a beautiful church edifice, and a Sunday School annex consisting of six Sunday School rooms and office. These were all deeded to the Church of God.

Since the organization of this new church, it has made a steady increase in all departments, becom-

ing one of the leading churches in tithes, offerings, Sunday School and Y.P.E. attendance. Their average in Sunday attendance for the past month was 125.

The other new church, which is located in Bayard, was organized in January of this year. We have a valuable piece of property including a fine church building and a furnished parsonage. This church is progressing well under the leadership of Rev. Ivan Sharp.

Since the last General Assembly, we have purchased a very suitable piece of property in Farmington where we have erected a Sunday School plant consisting of an auditorium which will seat at least one hundred persons, six Sunday School rooms, a furnace room, and two rest rooms. The plant has a centralized heating unit. The church pastored by our State Youth Director, Reverend Gil Palmer, is doing well.

Many major improvements have been made to some of our churches and parsonages including Clovis, Hobbs, Carlsbad (Fox and Walnut), Roswell, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces. The Clovis Church and parsonage, under the leadership of Reverend F. H. Dance, have been remodeled in the amount of \$3,500.

Plans are now being made for the future expansion of the Church of God in Albuquerque. We are negotiating to purchase some land for a second church site in this great metropolis. The church which was completed two years ago has shown a steady increase, and we are looking forward to the Church of God becoming one of the leading Pentecostal groups in the city.

In comparing our check-up sheets for the past nineteen months with those of the same period in the last General Assembly calendar, we found gains evident in membership, conversions, number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, tithes, aged ministers and Church of God Home for Children's offerings.

Observing our accomplishments, we are most grateful, first to God, and next to the faithful ministers and laity of the Church of God who labor in "The Land of Enchantment."

Great Progress Made in Washington—Oregon



By Estel D. Moore

TO SERVE AS state overseer of Washington and Oregon for these past four years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my ministerial career. We have some of the finest men working in the Pacific Northwest that you will find in our organization. Our churches have been relatively small, but these men are surging forward, making our churches grow in numbers, as well as finance. We have the following visible report, though we realize many achievements have been made that only eternity will reveal.

The State of Oregon reports for the past twenty-three months that 4 new churches have been organized. We have purchased, or built, in the last 4 years, 9 church buildings, 4 parsonages, and 1 building lot. We have organized 4 new Sunday Schools and 5 new Y.P.E.'s. We have had 325 persons converted, 103 sanctified, 74 filled with the Holy Ghost, 34 baptized in water and 108 added to the church.

In Washington for the same period of time, we organized 4 churches. We have bought or built 9 churches, 8 parsonages, and 2 building lots. This gives us a total of 35 churches in Washington and Oregon, 17 of which have been organized since 1956. We have a total of 18 church buildings, 12 parsonages, plus 3 lots that have been purchased, one for a new church building and 2 for new parsonages. In the past 23 months we have organized 2 new Sunday Schools and 1 new Y.P.E. In Washington we have had 565 persons converted, 277 sanctified, 190 received the Holy Ghost, 141 baptized in water, and 237 united with the church.

We have been in quite an extensive program of building on our 166-acre campground. We have modernized our boys' dormitory, built a new snack bar, repainted the Overseer's house inside, built

2 new cabins, including one duplex cabin, installed a 25,000-gallon water tank, and extended the water line to a number of private cabins. We have put siding on and painted 4 of the state cabins. We have built 5 private-owned cabins, making a total of 17 state-owned cabins and 11 private-owned cabins, with 2 large dormitories. Our snack bar and log cabin dining room are among the nicest that you will find on any campground. The dining room and kitchen were built under Brother D. G. Homner's administration.

This year's youth camp and camp meeting were great successes. Brother Leo E. Smith was our youth director, and Brother B. L. Olds was our youth camp evangelist. There were 21 saved, 13 sanctified, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 23 were baptized in water in our camp. Brother Danny Drake was both the morning Bible teacher and the evening speaker at the camp meeting. There were 30 saved, 30 sanctified, and 30 were filled with the Holy Ghost during camp meeting.

Our missions offering excelled any figure that we had raised previously. The pastors brought from their churches \$6,838.08, the floor offering was \$755.51 in cash, making a total of \$7,593.59, an increase of \$3,445.69 over last year. Along with the cash offering there was \$714.50 in pledges to be paid in thirty days, with \$2,616.00 in pledges to be paid in 12 months. This made a total of \$10,924.09 for this year's missions offering. This, of course, represents the greatest missions offering ever received in any camp meeting in these two States. We have a pet saying among our ministers out here, "We are in this thing together."

We humbly bow our heads and hearts to God for His Son Jesus, who made these things possible.

CAMP MEETING seemed to be in the air on June 20, 1960, as those attending the Oklahoma State Convention and Camp Meeting arrived at the beautiful campground in Chandler, Oklahoma. The labors of Brother Hodges and Brother Madison could readily be seen as we viewed the beautiful lawn and repaired building. Everything seemed in perfect order, and the friendly handshakes and bright smiles of the people opened the way for a glorious camp meeting.

The very first service got off to

God's Spirit in Our Midst

OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

a good start with a wonderful crowd. God's divine Spirit could be felt in our midst. Our camp meeting evangelist and Bible teacher, Rev. Paul L. Walker, State Youth Director of Tennessee, used the theme "Power for Today" throughout the week in the night services. These messages, divinely inspired and anointed by the Holy Ghost, were a real challenge to our hearts. For the Bible study the theme was "The Church in the Last Times." Each morning the study was well attended, and the lectures were uplifting as well as informative. Brother Walker's preaching and teaching were outstanding, and the people of Oklahoma will long remember and appreciate his Spirit-filled ministry.

Our camp meeting was graced with the presence of our General Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. A. M. Phillips. Brother Phillips gave two timely messages that were thrilling and encouraging to everyone who heard them. Other visiting ministers who were a blessing to us were Rev. P. H. McCarn, Overseer of Southeast Texas, Rev. Charles Tilley, Overseer of Kansas, and Rev. Laud Vaught, Vice-president of Northwest Bible College.

For our missions service Rev. T. R. Morse, was in charge. Brother

Morse's singing "Win the Lost at Any Cost" along with his message on the Great Commission moved upon hearts with a new compassion for souls. A liberal missions offering was received to further the missions cause.

As usual Youth Day was a high light of the camp meeting. Rev. Jim Madison, our state director, did an excellent job as moderator. Everyone enjoyed the junior parade, the junior service, and the crowning of the State Coupon King and Queen who were from Chickasha. Two other happy people receiving recognition for their work in S.S. and youth work were Willis Altstatt, State S.S. Superintendent from Guthrie; and Sister Watts, State Y.P.E. President from Faxon. Rev. Mac Symes, Youth Director of Southeast Texas, preached a great message to the youth entitled "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled." Again this year the young people enjoyed a time of fellowship at a youth banquet with Paul L. Walker as the guest speaker. All in all Youth Day was successful, proving that the youth of Oklahoma are on the march for Christ and His Church.

Not to be forgotten was the L.W.W.B. service. Sister Hodges, our state president, was in charge. The Spirit of God blessed in a gracious way as Sister Floy Kerbo preached a very thought-provoking message, "What Do You Have?" This service is always of special interest to the ladies, but it was well attended by both ladies and men. As a feature of the service, Sister Hodges awarded lovely trophies to: Guthrie, Group A; Murphy, Group B; and Faxon, Group C.

Many of our own state ministers preached outstanding messages which added much to make this a great camp meeting. Also the committees worked hard to make it a success for God. The good cooks in the kitchen served delicious meals for our comfort.

Brother Hodges, our overseer, did a fine job as moderator of the camp meeting. Since this is the last year for Brother and Sister Hodges to serve as our overseer, it does bring a note of sadness to our hearts. But when we look back over the past times we have all shared together, we have many pleasant memories. Although we will miss them, there will remain a warm place in the hearts of the people of Oklahoma for Brother and Sister Hodges and Sister Runell Bryant. They are a praying family, and God has great things in store for them in their new field of labor.

The 1960 camp meeting in Oklahoma will long be remembered as a rich spiritual feast and a high time in Zion.—Publicity Committee

Colorado Camp Meeting

ON JUNE 21, 1960, the Colorado Camp Meeting officially opened. Prior to this day, however, many people had been praying for the meeting. Before "Camp Meeting 1960" was over, their greatest anticipations and hopes were realized.

Rev. James R. Ray, our State Overseer, gave the opening address making each person feel welcome. The evening speaker, Rev. Edward Williams, pastor at North Fort Worth, Texas, preached with the Holy Ghost anointing each inspirational sermon. Brother Williams was also the Bible teacher. His lectures on the Holy Ghost were enjoyed by everyone.

The camp meeting was well moderated by Bro. Ray, and the presence of the Holy Spirit could be felt in each service.

Running concurrently with the camp meeting was the Colorado Youth Camp under the direction of Rev. Ray McMullen. On Saturday night of the camp meeting, a fine youth program was presented.

We were privileged to have our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. H. D. Williams, with us. His messages seemed to inspire everyone, and they gave us a greater determination to serve God and the church.

We were blessed with several out-of-state visitors including Rev. C. W. Batson, Overseer of Wyoming, Rev. L. O. Vaught, Vice-president of Northwest Bible School, and Rev. Ray T. Hill, Overseer of Nebraska.

Perhaps the most outstanding part of the meeting was the altar services where many souls came forth victorious in Christ.

Time alone will tell of the good accomplished in this great camp meeting through the special singing, testimonies, prayers, and messages.

So with hearts made glad by the blessings of the Lord, we look forward to the camp meeting of 1961. I am sure we will say at its closing as we did at the closing of this one, "Surely this was the greatest."

—Mrs. Bill E. Parson,
Mrs. O. R. Baker, clerks

"THAT'S HOW I KNOW"

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would answer prayer when there were so many people praying at the same time.

I had written the song rather hastily and did not wait for the full inspiration from God. When I wrote the chorus, I based it a great deal on nature and it did not give a full explanation of why God would answer my prayer.

One day at the Publishing House the music editor and I were going over some of my songs and I asked him what he thought about the song. We agreed that I should change the chorus and base it more on a Biblical answer.

When I returned home I tried to finish the song. The Lord inspired the verses, but when I would get to the chorus my mind would just go blank.

We sent the song to some of our best song writers and they did not write what we thought would really please the Lord. After I tried everything I could think of, I decided to ask the Lord for help, as most of us do after we have tried everything else first. As I was talking to the Lord, He revealed something to me—some songs I had written before I became a Christian. I had treasured these songs for many years. The Lord told me I would have to dispose of the songs. I then went to the desk where I kept them, pulled them out, tore them to pieces, and cast them in the trash can where they really belonged. After I had done this, I thanked the Lord; then I picked up my guitar and started singing the song, "That's How I Know." When I reached the chorus which I had tried for so long to write, the Lord spoke through me and said:

"He made a promise
He'd answer prayer,
Lift every burden,
Drive away all care,
If I will trust Him,
Love to Him show,
He can't refuse me,
That's How I Know."

I wrote these words down and a wonderful peace came over my soul. I knew then that the Lord



New Portrait of Charles Wesley

NEW YORK, N. Y.—This new portrait of Charles Wesley was painted by Frank O. Salisbury, well-known English artist, in connection with the 250th anniversary of the famous hymn writer. It was commissioned by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, American Secretary of the World Methodist Council, and will hang in the council's headquarters at Lake Junaluska, N. C., alongside Salisbury's portraits of Francis Asbury and John Wesley.

Charles was a brother of John, founder of Methodism. His anniversary is being celebrated this year by Methodists and others throughout the world. Charles Wesley was born December 18, 1707, and lived in England. He wrote about 6,500 hymns, many of which are still sung today. Mr. Salisbury has done portraits of recent British sovereigns and prime ministers, American presidents and other noted civic and religious leaders.

—Religious News Service Photo

was pleased with the action I had taken and I want to thank Him for keeping His promise. If we will obey Him, He will always keep His promise.

My desire is to help people try to forget some of the sorrows of this life and give them a spiritual uplift. I hope my songs will help someone in that way.

Revival Was Continuation of Camp Meeting

FAIRFIELD, Ill.—We have just closed a revival here with wonderful results. There were 10 saved, 7 sanctified and 7 filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was like a continuation of the camp meeting where folks from Fairfield were blessed to the extent of 3 saved, 3 sanctified and 3 filled with the Spirit.

Our evangelist was the Rev. Norman Jones of Benton, Illinois. His preaching was Biblical in content and anointed in delivery. Loved alike by young and old, Bro. Jones has probably left his converts better established than in some other revivals here, for his counseling with them has helped them over some of those hard places that newly converted persons face.

Bro. Jones is a truly dedicated young man who will do good to any church. His ministry is deeply appreciated by the pastor.

—E. R. Adams, pastor

Sinners Come to God in Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—On the closing night of the great campaign in Jacksonville in April of last year, the Church of God ministers of both the North and South Jacksonville districts, who were the sponsoring pastors, voted unanimously to invite Brother Lowery and his party back to Jacksonville for another campaign this year. He accepted the invitation, and we looked with bright anticipation to the time of their return.

The first Sunday in April arrived, and the services were under way in the large tent. From the very first song it was evident that God had put His approval upon the meeting. The tent was filled on this first night with all the seats being brought from the prayer tent; still people were standing. The Lord favored us with real nice weather for the entire revival for which we were thankful.

Brother Lowery was anointed last year to preach, but it seemed he had a double anointing to deliver his messages this year. His straight-forward, old-time holiness preaching edified the hearts of believers, brought conviction to sinners and backsliders and revived the faith of many for their healing. Many testified that this was the greatest revival they had ever experienced. It was not uncommon to hear the exclamation, "This is a real revival."

It was a joy to see the great throngs of people weeping their way to a definite experience in the Lord and to hear many, many testimonies that the Lord had bap-

tized them with the Holy Ghost. Many testified that the Lord had definitely healed them of their diseases.

Our hearts were lifted heavenward each night as we listened to the Spirit-filled singing of Brother Herb Winegar. Wave after wave of God's power would sweep over the congregation as he sang under the Spirit's anointing.

On the last Sunday afternoon of this two-week campaign, 226 followed the Lord in water baptism after Brother Lowery's outstanding message on the subject of baptism. Many of these had not planned to be baptized. At the conclusion of the Sunday night service, 52 others, who had not come prepared for such a service, were baptized. This brought the total number baptized in this meeting to 278, which exceeded the number baptized last year by 14.

We feel confident that the co-operating churches will feel the impact of this great revival for weeks to come.

—H. B. Ramsey

Thanks God for Revival

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Rosamond Avenue Church of God, Memphis, Tennessee, enjoyed a great revival April 18 through May 1, with Rev. and Mrs. Gene Burgess as evangelists.

Five were saved, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water and 3 added to the church. We truly thank God that our church was the recipient of many blessings during this revival.

—Mrs. E. L. Rowe, reporter

Various Meetings Greatly Bless Church

LOVINGTON, N. M.—On June 3, 4 and 5, a week-end revival was conducted in the Lovington Church of God with various ministers on the district doing the preaching. There were 3 saved, 1 sanctified and 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost.

During the last week in June and the first week in July, a DVBS was conducted by the pastor and his wife, with a total enrollment of 52, in spite of inclement weather conditions.

On July 3 we began a revival with Rev. Paul Bright, Sr., from Manchester, Tennessee. During the

first week of this revival, which was running concurrently with the last week of DVBS, 4 teen-agers were saved. In the second week of the revival 2 more were saved, 2 sanctified and 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost.

At the close of the revival 14 were baptized in water, and 6 were added to the Church of God.

Brother Bright preached old-time Church of God holiness, and our church was greatly blessed and strengthened during his revival here.

—Rev. Denzell Teague, pastor

Thomasville's Great Revival

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of Thomasville, Georgia, with the T. L. Lowery Evangelistic Team.

We enjoyed 10 glorious nights as Brother Lowery preached the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and as Brother Herb Winegar sang.

The greatest crowds ever known to attend a religious service in this city packed the big warehouse. Toward the end of the campaign, extra chairs had to be brought in; hundreds were still left standing.

As the holy presence of God fell upon the congregation, hundreds came forward each night to give their hearts to God. Sinners were saved, church members revived and others sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Hundreds were slain under the power of God. On the last Saturday night of the meeting, 128 were baptized in water.

We witnessed numerous healings as Brother Lowery laid his hands on the believers and prayed the prayer of faith.

We had the full cooperation of all the ministers on the Thomasville district and from many neighboring cities.

We pray that God will let Brother Lowery and Brother Winegar return to our city sometime in the near future.

—Casey F. Monsees

Great Results in Florida

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — The Church of God at Winter Haven (Rifle Range), Florida, wishes to report a great revival with Rev. Bill Long as evangelist. There were 47 saved, 30 sanctified, 30 filled with



the Holy Ghost, 61 baptized in water, 41 added to the church and many were healed. The church was greatly blessed.

—Rev. James G. Williams, pastor

Revival Proves Great Blessing to Church

RIVER ROUGE, Mich.—We recently closed a 2-week revival at the River Rouge Church of God with Rev. Harmon Roberts as the evangelist. There were 7 saved, 3 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost and 15 were baptized in water. We received 9 members into the church. This revival proved a great blessing to the church.

—E. E. Mayse, clerk

Great Visitation of God's Spirit

EARLE, Ark.—Revival services began at the Earle Church of God on Sunday night, March 13, and continued for 4 weeks, closing on Sunday night, April 10. We can truly say that this was the greatest revival that the Earle Church has witnessed in a number of years. The Lord was present in all of the services. Even the snow and rain did not keep the people from coming out. One brother who had been saved for 15 years received the Holy Ghost.

If the churches will pay the price, the days of revival are not over. People are still getting saved. Our evangelist was Sister Alva Mae McClure from Tampa, Florida. Any church will benefit from her wonderful preaching and great teaching.

There were 10 saved, 5 sanctified, 9 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 8 baptized in water, 10 united with the church and some healed.

Since the revival closed, our good lady members have started to work to raise money to buy new pews for our church. They have over \$100 in the bank already.

On Wednesday night after the revival closed, we had communion and washing of the saints' feet.

I believe that we can say, "This was a complete revival."

—C. L. Selby, pastor

Messages Convict Lost Souls

INKSTER, Mich.—We have had a wonderful revival at the Wayne Church of God. Rev. A. H. Tribble, our evangelist, gave us messages which convicted lost souls and brought them to the Lord. There were 32 saved, 28 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost and 23 baptized in water. The pastor of our church is Bro. O. L. Holloway, one of the finest ministers in the Church of God.

—Mrs. Barker, reporter

God Uses Young Evangelist at Rock Hill

ROCK HILL, S. C.—On February 14 we began a revival which ran through March 6, with Rev. Frank Douglas Morgan of Clemson, South Carolina. Many said this was the greatest revival the Cedar Street Church of God had experienced in years. There were 128 saved, 75 sanctified, 35 filled with the Holy Ghost and 17 added to the church. The meeting began during the time when there were a lot of flu cases and other illnesses raging in this area, but the attendance began to grow. We were averaging about 200 per night until we had several inches of snow.

By the time the snow had melted enough for people to park their cars and get back in church, we had someone praying through every night. We closed the revival the third week with a full congregation and about 50 in the altar. God gave us this revival at a most unexpected time, since it seems no one had especially fasted and prayed for it. Thus, it seems this was the way God wanted it, and He received the praise and glory for all that was accomplished.

I want to recommend Brother Douglas Morgan to our churches throughout the States. He is sincerely interested in lost souls. He went out and spoke to people about their souls in town and every place he had an opportunity. He has great wisdom in dealing with souls, and he possesses a good evangelistic message. I trust others will call upon him because he has a valuable ministry and a message that is needed in our day.

—Rev. Clifford M. Jinkerson, pastor

God Blessed Every Hungry Soul

MENTONE, Ala.—The Mentone Church of God has just closed a whole month of revival. The revival began April 10 and lasted until May 8. The evangelist, Rev. Chester Kilgore of Chickamauga, Georgia, was a real blessing to our church. There were 17 saved, 13 sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water and 7 added to the church.

Words cannot describe the presence of God which was so real in our midst. Let me say it simply—God poured out His blessings on every hungry soul that obeyed Him.

Brother Kilgore is a great man of God and a faithful minister. He will be a blessing to any church.

Why did this revival occur? It happened because the members banded together in prayer.

—John S. Whitaker, pastor



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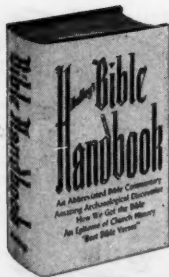
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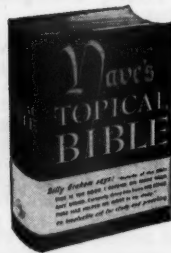
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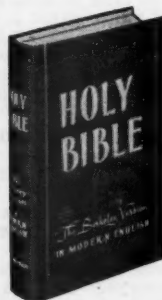
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Son Miraculously Healed

ROCKMART, Ga.—My 13-year-old son was seriously injured playing football. His heart was crushed and his left lung was bruised. The doctors had told us that he was in the hands of a higher power. His heart was swollen twice its normal size.

Churches everywhere were having special prayer for him. I was praying for God to heal him instantly, and I looked to see a change. Our ways are not God's ways. After I had seen him suffer so much and had seen ice bags completely covering his body because of the high fever, I became willing for God's will to be done. I prayed that if it were not God's will for Dennis to get well that He would reconcile me and give me strength to bear it.

Then I quit praying and sat down to read the Bible. My eyes fell on the Scripture where Jesus told Mary and Martha, "... This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." That was my answer. I thanked God and have believed since.

Dennis' heart is now normal size, and the doctors had said his heart would never go down. It is truly a miracle that he is living, especially to be up and around completely well. He is attending school every day. Truly the hands of the Great Physician touched my son.

—Mrs. Waymon Tarbush

Christ Never Fails

NOVATO, Calif.—I have so very much for which to thank God. At one time I had fallen so low in sin that there seemed to be no hope for me. For two years I had to live with my grandparents. At first I did not like the idea, for they were Church of God people; and I knew I could not give up my old ways.

It took a long time for me to realize Christ died for me. For about a year I was an off-and-on Christian, never having a real burden for the church. Then my grandfather, Rev. T. M. McClenon, moved to a little church, Friendship Church of God, and there my life began. The young people were truly people of God, and I thank Him for everyone of them. There I was shown love when most people would have shown me hate; mercy when I was not ready for judgment, and understanding which I had never had before that time.

After my first night in church I was so ashamed of myself. I knew I could not go on the same way. I knelt by my bed and gave my heart to God. Then one night I was filled with the sweet Holy



testimonies

Ghost. Only then did I know the full love of God. I was surrounded by the good things of life; there was no open temptation I could not pass easily.

Then one day my world was shattered. I had to return to California to live with my parents. All I could think of was being away from the people I loved and moving where there would be no Church of God. However, I have since found that Christ is everywhere and you can call on Him anytime.

I have failed Christ many times, but through all of my failures Christ has never failed me. I praise God for His wonderful love, for the people who have prayed for me, and for the mercy He showed me one dark day. If it had not been for the Friendship Church of God and my grandfather, I do not know where I would be today.

I would like to request the prayers of all who read this. My father is lost in sin, and the only way I know to help him is through prayer. He doesn't believe in the Bible, God or anything else that has been so real to me this last year. Please pray believing.

—Connie Joy Pender
422 Via Herbosa
Novato, California

Now Enjoying Perfect Health

GADSDEN, Ala.—I thank God for sending Bro. Porter Neal, a Church of God evangelist, to Gadsden. My husband and I attended the meeting almost every night for four and a half weeks. In his large tent at Bellevue, Bro. Neal preached soul-stirring and faith-building messages. Many were healed, and a number were saved and sanctified.

I had suffered with a nervous stomach for 15 years, with female trouble for 5 years and with severe pains in the blood veins of my lower limbs for 6 weeks. I said I believed I could not live through another attack.

Bro. Neal prayed for me 4 weeks ago, and God completely healed me that night. I am now enjoying perfect health. I want to praise Him "who forgiveth all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases." I am a member of the Church of God.

—Mrs. Hazel Herring

Still Healed Today

GADSDEN, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord for His healing power. I had a large tumor in my right side and suffered much with my stomach. I also suffered with arthritis, and had to take as high as fifteen aspirin tablets every day. My heart was in a bad condition.

God sent Bro. Porter Neal to Gadsden for a revival. He prayed for me on June 3, and God healed me.

Praise His holy name, I am still healed today. I have not taken another aspirin tablet, and I am feeling fine. I am a member of the East Gadsden Church of God.

—Mrs. Amanda Herring

Thank God for His Saving and Healing Power

I was saved about 3 weeks ago. After I was saved, my child was healed.

About 6 months ago my son was cleaning up some sticks and trash. A piece of the stick popped into his eye. It lodged there, and you could see it perfectly well. I did not take him to the doctor because he really believed the Lord could heal him.

On Sunday night, June 12, our pastor, J. B. Robinson, laid his hands on him, and he was healed. I looked at his eye on Monday evening and the stick was gone. I thank God for His healing power.

My daughter, 11, has been saved. Pray that my husband and other children will be saved. Pray for my sister's complete healing.

—Mrs. B. F. Martin

Praises God

YAZOO CITY, Miss.—I praise God this morning for what He is to me. I love the Lord with all my heart and mind, bless His name. I am glad I have the sanity to praise Him, and I am glad the Holy Ghost still is abiding in me. How I love God and His wonderful people. Dear saints of God, if you have your health you had better be thankful for it. But even though my health is lost, I still have God in my heart. We are serving a God who can do anything, praise His name.

Last July I had a serious operation and since that time I have not been able to do very much. Since I have cancer of the blood, I suffer quite a bit. But God has said He would not put more on us than we are able to bear. I am willing and ready to go home to be with Jesus and the angels. Yet I know God can heal me as He has healed so many others.

The Lord is coming soon, and the only way we can meet Him is to walk the narrow way. It will be an awful day for those who are not prepared to meet Jesus when He returns. Please pray for me that I will always be prepared. I know God will not forsake His people.

If Sister Mary Tidwell sees this, will you please write to me. I am the girl who got the Holy Ghost under her ministry.

—Mrs. Joe Jones
King's Daughter Hospital
Yazoo City, Mich.

Healed of Ulcer

DETROIT, Mich.—I want to thank and praise God for touching my body. For sometime I had been under a doctor's care for an ulcer. I didn't seem to be much better.

Bro. A. H. Tribble prayed for me at the Belleville Church of God. Since that time I have been able to eat almost anything. My nerves have been much better. Pray for me that I'll ever stand true and be a worker for Jesus.

—Mrs. O. G.

The Lord Saved and Healed

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—I want to testify of God's marvelous power and His mercy upon me and my family. Since the Lord saved me, He has healed me many times. Through the prayers of the saints of the church, He has healed my mother of a stroke. My younger brother has been drawn back to my mother by prayer. I have studied the Scriptures for many years, but I did not understand God's plan until I received the Holy Ghost. I feel a strong call to the ministry. Pray that God will use me for a laborer in His harvest.

—James L. Guest

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